

Election is not the cause of anybody going to hell, for election is unto salvation. (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13) Neither is non-election responsible for the damnation of sinners. Sin is the thing that sends men to hell, and all men are sinners by nature and practice; sinners altogether apart from election or non-election. It does not follow that because election is unto salvation that non-election is unto damnation. Sin is the damning element in human life, election harms nobody.

C.D. COLE

"WITHOUT ME, YOU CAN DO NOTHING." (JOHN 15:5)

*"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME." (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)*

What a blessing it would be to us to learn these two things. Without Christ, I can do nothing. I cannot think a right thought; I cannot muster up a right motive. I cannot perform a good deed. I cannot repent, believe, or love without Him enabling me to. I cannot turn myself toward Him. I cannot even hear the Gospel! It is a blessing to realize this because it causes us to go to Him for these things. I may not be able to come to Christ with faith, but I come to Him for faith! The second verse is equally true. *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* The man with the withered hand could not stretch it forth. But when Christ commanded him to, he could. The impotent man could not get himself into the pool. But when Christ commanded him to rise and walk, he could. With men all things are impossible, but with God all things are possible. There is nothing we cannot do with Christ strengthening us. Oh that we would simply believe these two things.

TODD NIBERT

TRUST "TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS"

TRUST is a wonderful thing, and **SWEET** is a good word to describe it. Whether between husband and wife, parents and children, friends, or whomever....**trust is sweet!** The word implies faith, confidence, and reliance, but that is not all. There is also a wonderful rest and repose in trust; a freedom from doubts, suspicions, anxieties, and fearful apprehensions. **Trust** is *calm, peaceful and assured*. **"Tis so sweet"** when guilty sinners come to **"trust in Jesus"**.

MAURICE MONTGOMERY

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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"Every way of a man is
right in his own eyes: but
the Lord pondereth
the hearts."

PROVERBS 21:2

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:00 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm
Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm

Nursery Schedule

Today: Heather Stoneberger

Next Sunday: Georgia Harrison

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Next Sunday we will have a fellowship luncheon together immediately following services.

Gentlemen, if you have not yet signed up to help with the weed-eating of the church grounds, please do so as soon as possible.

"The time will come, when a faithful minister of the Gospel will be more scarce and precious than a bar of gold." — **JOHN OWEN**

START TO FINISH / THE END FROM THE BEGINNING

The God of Glory reveals himself by an absolute unalterable and fixed purpose by which all things find their beginning and end. *"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure (ISAIAH 46: 9-10)"* None but God can fix a thing in the distant future and with omnipotent power and wisdom bring it to pass. And nowhere can a believer find more assurance than he does in the God who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. Has the God of Glory predestinated the end? Then let all He calls in time rest in a quiet confidence that he will surely bring it to pass.

DARVIN PRUITT

"FOR THEY BEING IGNORANT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND GOING ABOUT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS, HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THEMSELVES UNTO THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD." (ROMANS 10:3.)

There was a time when I was ignorant of God's righteousness. As a young boy, I was raised in a church where I was constantly encouraged to do something for God. Little did I know then that I was, *"going about to establish my own righteousness."* Therefore I was ignorant of God's righteousness. God's righteousness only comes by SUBMITTING ourselves to the righteousness that is in Christ alone. Christ is our Righteousness.

Many of us possessed a zeal for God, but it was not according to knowledge. It is only when God reveals to you the TRUTH (CHRIST) of the scriptures that by His grace you will obtain true knowledge. It is only when you obtain this knowledge of Christ and His perfect righteousness, which is a gift to His chosen and elect people, that you will cease working to obtain a filthy rags righteousness, and rest alone in Christ, the believer's perfect righteousness which is the only righteousness God will accept .

O how I rejoice and thank God that He did not leave me in my zealous ignorance, but saved me by His grace and showed me that the righteousness of Christ was the only way that would or could reconcile me to Him. In His substitution for His people, and now as my heavenly Husband, I take His name as my own. In *JEREMIAH 23:6* the verse reads, *"In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."* But in *JEREMIAH 33:16* the verse reads, *"In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness."* This speaks of His Church!

He is Jehovah; and He is our righteousness; He's the author of it, and it was by His obedience, sufferings, and death, being made sin for us that makes His righteousness become ours. (*EPHESIANS 5:25-27.*) *"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."* Christ gave Himself for His bride, His church. He sanctified and cleansed her by His precious blood, that she would have no spot, no wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and without blemish. Now that is perfect righteousness. This is what God demands and what God provides in His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. *continues on the back >>*